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FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SA7* Paula Crawford, Section Chief
Exceptional Children Division Program Improvement and Professional Development

DATE: January 26, 2021

RE: **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATORS SUMMIT**

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce the biennial Recruitment and Retention of Special Educators' Summit. We will host this event as a virtual summit this year on Friday, March 26 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with an hour lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Breaks will be scheduled throughout the day to combat online mental and visual fatigue.

Stakeholders have identified issues related to recruitment and retention of special educators that are faced by districts and Institutions of Higher Education. The Summit's morning session will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Brownell, Director of CEEDAR Center. See more: <https://cedar.education.ufl.edu/portfolio/mary-brownell/>. Breakout sessions are planned through the agenda to share innovative strategies to tackle issues. The afternoon agenda will feature another distinguished keynote and breakout sessions from which to select to meet districts' unique needs. CEUs will be provided for those who attend and complete the full day.

The registration deadline is 5:00 pm on March 10, 2021. Registration is online at https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eE6iRzz5dbrgU6y.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Moffitt at (984) 236-2590 or carol.moffitt@dpi.nc.gov.

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